



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Stocks decreased last week despite an increase in production and a reduced demand level. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 1.2 million barrels to end the week at 201.2 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were up 2.2 million barrels to 41.0 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline fell 2.7 million barrels to 115.9 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 43.1 million barrels, 0.8 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 1.1 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 438 thousand barrels per day of which 187 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 142 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/20/99	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/20/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,078	1,112	1,074	1,109	1,042	684	679	605	701	670
Midwest (PADD II)	2,025	1,984	1,994	1,985	2,000	268	263	259	281	273
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,732	3,498	3,547	3,730	3,641	730	607	675	840	632
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	281	274	289	293	286	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,440	1,381	1,448	1,429	1,351	1,027	966	1,044	990	1,018
U.S. Total	8,556	8,249	8,352	8,546	8,321	2,709	2,515	2,583	2,812	2,593

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/18/99	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/18/99
East Coast (PADD I)	55.0	54.7	53.3	51.6	56.2	17.5	16.2	15.6	16.9	17.7
Midwest (PADD II)	56.9	55.1	54.0	54.3	53.9	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.6	1.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	60.1	59.7	61.3	61.7	59.1	9.6	9.1	9.7	10.4	9.9
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.8	5.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	28.0	28.7	27.6	27.8	27.4	11.3	11.1	11.0	11.1	10.9
U.S. Total	206.3	204.6	202.4	201.2	202.3	40.7	39.1	38.8	41.0	40.2

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices posted further increases marketwide last week, lifted by strong crude oil markets, refinery problems, and the movement of Hurricane Debby through the Caribbean. OPEC ministers sent mixed signals about increasing production before their September meeting, despite steadily increasing crude oil prices. Fires at two Gulf Coast refineries, as well as the storm-related impacts on refining and shipping in the region, put upward pressure on product markets. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 4.45 cents for the week to 90.63 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price fell 2.50 cents to 117.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline turned upward after eight straight weeks of decline, rising 2.1 cents to 146.8 cents per gallon as of August 21, 2000. The average stands at its highest level in three weeks, and 23.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The turnaround was led by an increase in the Midwest, with little change in other regions.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99
New York	85.97	77.75	86.18	90.63	63.83	100.70	^R 92.80	^R 95.64	101.10	64.13
Chicago	77.60	^R 76.55	^R 83.52	86.25	64.07	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	76.10	76.88	85.85	89.40	60.95	86.35	86.50	94.80	95.50	61.76
Los Angeles	94.00	105.00	112.50	110.00	66.50	99.00	110.00	119.50	117.00	75.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.

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Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99
East Coast (PADD I)	146.4	143.8	141.6	142.1	116.2	161.0	159.9	158.9	158.0	123.7
Midwest (PADD II)	136.6	137.6	135.2	141.1	119.5	134.6	134.6	135.5	139.0	123.4
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	145.4	142.1	141.3	141.5	116.2	149.2	145.5	143.4	142.9	114.0
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	157.7	156.5	155.4	154.4	136.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	162.7	162.1	162.4	162.8	141.8	167.4	166.0	166.1	166.2	150.6
U.S. Average	143.6	142.7	140.9	143.6	120.4	155.3	154.0	153.6	154.0	129.8

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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